

Portage Lake News.

Firemen's Association
Preparing for the
Tournament,

Hold a Meeting on Saturday

Program Has Been Arranged and the
Standard Rules Will Govern
All the Contests.

The annual meeting of the Upper Peninsula Firemen's association was held Saturday afternoon in the G. A. R. hall in the Scott block. Those present at the meeting were A. J. Scott, president; R. C. Jackson, second vice president; T. J. Flynn, secretary of Negaunee; and August Menge, treasurer of L'Anse. The object of the meeting was to fix the exact dates on which the annual tournament will be held, arrange the program and transact other necessary business pertaining to the tournament, which this year will be held at Houghton. The meeting was called to order shortly after 3 o'clock and those present got down to business at once. The rules governing the contest were gone over and as they proved so satisfactory during the tournament last year at the Soo, it was decided to make no changes in them. Neither were any changes made in the constitution and by-laws of the association. It was unanimously decided to hold the tournament this year on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 3, 4 and 5, as these dates will not conflict with the Hermann Sons grand lodge celebration, which will be held at Houghton on Monday and Tuesday of the same week.

Since the inauguration of the association they have always offered one prize for the novelty hose race, but this year there will be a change in awarding the association prize, for it was decided that the team winning the largest number of points during the tournament would be entitled to the prize, as it was considered this would be more fair and satisfactory to the teams competing.

The program for the tournament was arranged as follows:

Wednesday afternoon—Parade of all departments at 3 o'clock, under the grand marshaling of Graham Pope and aids.

Thursday morning—Regulation hose race.

Thursday afternoon—Regulation hook and ladder race. Coupler's race. Hose race No. 2, open to all teams not winning a prize in the regulation hose race.

Friday morning—Novelty hose race. Flag race.

Friday afternoon—Novelty hook and ladder race. Firemen's foot race, 100 yards, open to one contestant from each department.

Regulation hub and hub race, between two teams making the best time in the regulation hose race. Ladder climber's contest, team to contest of four men, one climber, one footer and two raisers. Novelty hub and hub race.

After arranging the above program the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock in the evening.

All hopes that Houghton will have a base ball club this season have not been abandoned and indications are more favorable for a club than at any time this season. Should a club be organized at Houghton it would interfere considerably with the make-up of the Hancock club, for as the slate now stands it includes several Houghton players, but this would only be for a short time, for Hancock would not be slow in securing some good talent from outside for she is determined to put a strong team in the field this season and one that will take no second place for any of them. For Houghton to have a team this season they will have to go to considerable expense as they have no ground and a new diamond would have to be built and besides this the business men have all they can do this summer in making a success of the firemen's tournament, without spending their time and money in baseball. To have two teams on Portage Lake would be to make it a dismal failure for both clubs, for there is only enough enthusiasm in the both towns to support one organization as it should be and Hancock furnishes the greater part of these. It is hoped that the Houghton men who had declared their intentions of playing with Hancock this season could give Manager Hocking a final answer one way or the other so that he can make his plans accordingly. Should Houghton decide to have a team she will find a great rival in the Hancock, for the people of that town have decided to have nothing but good ball this season. It will be a case of the best club drawing the crowd and it is pretty safe to say the crowds will be following Hancock.

On meeting again at 8 o'clock the convention was waited upon by a committee composed of P. E. Edwards, George Quirk, Casper Brand, Chief Louis Voitch, Ed Berkhold and Horace J. Stephens, of the Houghton fire department, under whose auspices the next tournament will be pulled off. The whole matter of the tournament was talked over and it was proposed to hold the races on the lot to the east of Graham Pope's warehouse, where a running track will be built between the railroad and the lake shore. The space here is limited, but Mr. Edwards stated by building a grand stand there is ample room to seat 8,000 people comfortably. Of course, these races are free to the public, but a charge of 10 cents will be made for seats in the grand stand. It was decided that the Houghton department furnish all paraphernalia

used in the running of the races and that the judges and timekeepers would be appointed on the first day of the tournament. In the matter of timekeepers in the tournaments heretofore held there has been much dissatisfaction owing to the disability of the timekeepers to know when to commence timing and when to stop, not being acquainted with the races. It was proposed that each organization have timekeepers during their practice and educate them to time correctly by getting them familiar with the races. The number of teams to take part in the tournament this year is not yet known. Last year at the Soo there were eleven teams competing and it is thought there will be at least twelve this year. Entries can be made up to August 1. After considerable talk on the question pro and con the meeting adjourned, after which the visiting members of the association were treated to a banquet, to which all present at the evening session and the officers of the Hancock fire department sat down and a pleasant hour was spent over the cigars and wine in social chat. The visiting firemen were loud in their praises of the entertainment furnished them while in the city.

The festivities that usually follow the lenten season will be ushered in by the customary Easter balls and the young people can now give vent to their pentup feelings by attending the dances to be given this evening. At Hancock Company A. Hibernian Rifles will give their annual at St. Patrick's hall. The old hall has been tastefully decorated for the occasion and the floor put in excellent condition for dancing, and it is expected there will be a good attendance from Calumet this evening. Weismiller's orchestra will furnish the music, and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H., who made such an enviable reputation for themselves on St. Patrick's day by getting up the banquet, will furnish the supper.

Yesterday being the regular quarterly ladies' day at the Y. M. C. A. the services were unusually well attended and the seating capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost. The address of the day was made by Mr. E. L. Wright which was a very able effort and is highly spoken of. The musical part of the program was beautiful. The anthem, "As It Began to Dawn," by the choir of the Congregational church and the selections by the quartette composed of Messrs. Wright, Gillespie, Edwards and Borresen being exceptionally well rendered. Mr. Charles Vincent rendered a selection entitled, "Unfold, Unfold," which was unusually well done.

At the Armory opera house tonight the citizen's committee of the Firemen's tournament will give a dancing party, which from the large number of tickets already sold, promises to be largely attended, not only by the friends of the firemen but by the elite of the city. Great interest has been taken in this event and a good time, it is looked forward to. Klingheimer's orchestra, which has been spending much time in practicing new dance music for the occasion has been engaged. The price of tickets has been placed at \$1. Supper will be served in the commodious dining rooms at 50 plate.

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Mr. Neil Hume has resigned his position as operator in the Mineral Range general offices and has been succeeded by Mr. Sawyer, formerly of the station at Nestoria. Mr. Hume will go to Minneapolis, where he has secured a lucrative position. During his residence in the copper country Mr. Hume has made many friends who will miss him much, but rejoice at his good fortune.

Manager Covert of the Northwestern Hotel, in his making a specialty of Sunday family dinners, is evidently filling a long felt want, for yesterday nearly 100 persons sat down to dinner and to a unit they were loud in their praises of the dinner. During the entire dinner hour musical selections were rendered by the Pie-a-ney orchestra.

President A. J. Scott of the Upper Peninsula firemen's association Saturday received the banner from the manufacturers which was won by the Bessemer team at the Soo last summer. It is a handsome piece of work and the company at Bessemer should be proud of it. It was shipped to them today by express.

The cut at the canal is entirely free from ice, and boats would have no trouble in entering the canal, but to get to Portage Lake ports is another thing as the ice on the lake is still quite firm, but with a few more days' weather like yesterday, boats will be able to come in here.

The services at the various churches on Portage Lake were largely attended. Nearly everybody turning out to the Easter services. The weather was ideal and many were the new spring bonnets and suits noticed for the first time.

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1885.....	"	58 14	202 00	"	42 25	125 00	
1886.....	"	61 67	210 00	"	36 72	107 00	
1887.....	"	128 56	429 00	"	37 63	107 00	
1888.....	"	66 98	219 00	"	27 53	77 00	
1889.....	"	69 76	223 00	"	28 72	79 00	
1890.....	"	72 60	227 00	"	20 20	55 00	
1891.....	"	75 60	232 00	"	21 48	57 00	
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1894.....	"	84 17	243 00	"	13 73	34 00	
1895.....	"	85 06	239 00	"	24 33	59 00	
1896.....	"	85 61	235 00	"	25 18	60 00	
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The hearing of young McDonald on the charge of stealing clothes, which was set for Saturday, was again postponed until tomorrow, when the case will come off before Judge Finn.

A large number of Masons from Portage Lake went to Calumet yesterday noon and attended the Easter services of Montrose Commandery which were held in their asylum.

Lost—A bunch of keys between the Quincy hall and Hancock. Finder please leave same at W. A. Washburn's store, and receive reward.

The fires in the fog station at the canal were started yesterday and the whistles were blown yesterday for the first time this season.

Knight of the grip Bert Barrette and Eugene Murphy left this morning for down the road points, on a month's run.

WANTED TO RENT—A six or seven room house. Apply at W. A. Washburn's store.

Ages of the World's Charmers.

Miss Browning dilates on a most consoling fact. The women who influenced the destinies of nations were none of them "actually young." Well, what does Miss Browning call "actually young?" Nineteen is not old, and she who saved France from returning members to a British parliament was 19 at her death. There is a tendency in the male sex to like them young. Helen of Troy was, it is calculated, about 120, but she was the daughter of a god. Cleopatra is put by Miss Browning at about 50 when Antony reckoned the world well lost for her. In any case her medals make her a plain woman, with a very long nose. Mary Stuart had turned things upside down before she was 25, and Diane de Poitiers was 43 and Mme. Scarron 45 before they captured royal lovers. These veteran charmers had health and intelligence, but Lady Hamilton was fat, as well as 40, when she fascinated Nelson.—London News.

The Early Piano.

The earliest known mention of the pianoforte was in a playbill dated May 16, 1787. The piece announced was "The Beggar's Opera," with Mr. Beard as Captain Macheath, Mrs. Stephens as Mrs. Peachum, Mr. Shuter as Peachum. The principal attraction was given us, "Miss Buckler will sing a song from 'Judith,' accompanied by a new instrument called pianoforte."—Pittsburg News.

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PM.	PM.	AM.	LV.	ARR.	AM.	PM.
4:45	12:30	8:00	Lake Linden.....	9:50	2:10
5:07	12:58	8:22	Dollar Bay.....	9:28	1:48
5:26	1:10	8:40	Hancock.....	9:10	1:30

PM. PM. AM. ARR. LV. AM. PM. PM.

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MINERAL RANGE R. R.

Taking effect Sunday, October 3, 1897.

	Leave Calumet.	Arrive Hancock.	Arrive Houghton.
No. 2.	+ 8:30 am	+ 9:00 am	+ 9:10 am
No. 8.	+ 10:45 am	+ 11:30 am	+ 11:40 am
No. 4.	+ 2:30 pm	+ 3:05 pm	+ 3:15 pm
No. 6.	+ 4:00 pm	+ 4:45 pm	+ 4:55 pm
No. 10.	+ 5:15 pm	+ 6:00 pm	+ 6:10 pm

	Leave Houghton.	Leave Hancock.	Arrive Calumet.
No. 5.	+ 8:50 am	+ 9:00 am	+ 9:45 am
No. 7.	+ 9:30 am	+ 9:30 am	+ 10:15 am
No. 3.	+ 1:15 pm	+ 1:25 pm	+ 2:00 pm
No. 9.	+ 3:15 pm	+ 4:00 pm	+ 4:45 pm
No. 1.	+ 7:00 pm	+ 7:10 pm	+ 7:50 pm

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